



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

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Dr. Martin Zaluski
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Dear Dr. Zaluski:

Subject: California Brucellosis Entry Requirements-Montana

Effective immediately, California's requirements for cattle originating from Montana have changed with the discovery of a second affected herd in Paradise Valley, Montana. All sexually intact cattle entering California from Montana require a permit, certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) and official identification, excluding bull calves under six months of age moving in feeder channels. Sexually intact cattle 18 months of age and older, must meet the following requirements:

- Negative official brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry into California
- A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
- An entry permit (obtained within 15 days of delivery)

All heifers over four months of age, including feeder heifers, must be official calfhood vaccinates.

EXCEPTIONS

- Cattle from Certified Brucellosis Free Herds, with a Certified Herd number and date of last negative test, do not require a negative test to move.
- Cattle moving directly to slaughter without diversion only need a permit and official identification.

If you have any questions, please contact the Animal Health Branch at (916) 651-6278.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard E. Breitmeyer
State Veterinarian

